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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion in the recent settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. While I am glad to see Microsoft is not being broken up, I do believe some of the concessions Microsoft are making are not in the best interest of the public.

Microsoft must integrate their software with different software makers' products to allow for more effective development of windows interfaces and technology. But other concessions such as contractual restrictions and windows design obligations seem to go against intellectual property rights and patent laws.

I think that the IT sector is hurt badly enough without any further litigation brought against Microsoft by the nine states who oppose the settlement. I look forward to seeing Microsoft focusing on business and watching one of the premier companies in the world keep on thriving.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum